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SUBJECT: REPORT ON FOREIGN SERVICE PERSONNEL BENNETT AND

RAWLINGS

REF: STATE 3598

1. BENNETT WAS KILLED AT APPROXIMATELY 12:00 (1) 4 JANUARY 1975
INSIDE CONGEN COMPOUND AT TUY HOA. HE WAS KILLED WHILE OPENING A
US MANUFACTURED AMMO CONTAINER WHICH APPARENTLY CONTAINED AN
EXPLOSIVE BOOBY-TRAP DIVICE. INVESTIGATION IS IN PROCESS AND WE
ARE NOT IN POSITION TO DETERMINE WHETHER BENNETT'S DEATH WAS
ACCIDENTAL OR WHETHER HE WAS THE VICTIM OF A TERRORIST ATTACK.
DEATH CERTIFICATE SIGNED BY MISSION PHYSICIAN, DR CHARLES SAUNDERS.
BODY AIRLIFTED TO CLARK AFB WHERE AUTOPSY PERFORMED. BODY NOW
ENROUTE CONUS.

2. RAWLINGS WAS PASSENGER ON CHINA AIRLINES C-123 WHICH DIS-
APPEARED AT APPROXIMATELY 16:10 ON 3 JANUARY 1975 WHILE ENROUTE
DALAT TO NHA TRANG. AIRCRAFT, UNDER CONTRACT TO AIR AMERICA,
WAS LIFTING UNCLASSIFIED CARGO FROM DALAT TO NHA TRANG. RAWLINGS IS
SUPPLY OFFICER ASSIGNED TO NHA TRANG CONGEN. SEARCH AND RESCUE
(SAR) OPERATIONS IN PROGRESS. WILL ADVISE FURTHER AS SITUATION
WARRANTS.
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